

# Fruit Character Story Telling

## Our Skills Challenge Award

**Requirement 3** - Pick two creative things to try, and show your leader what you've done  
In this activity, Cubs will invent their own character and bring it to life using fruit and vegetables.

### Location

Indoors

### Time

30 – 45 minutes

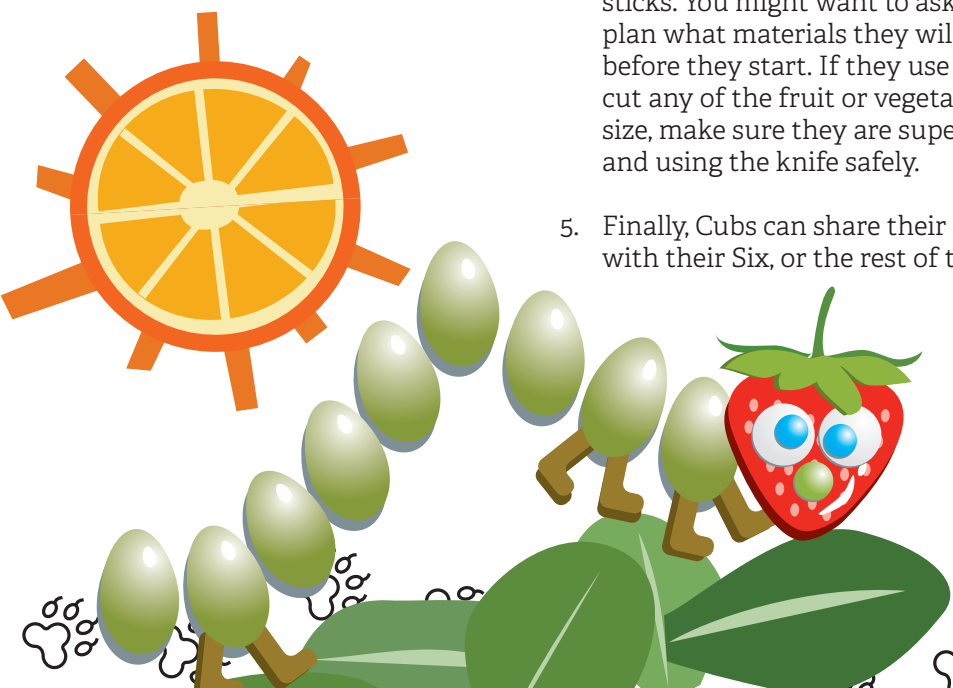
### Equipment

- a selection of fruit and vegetables
- skewers
- knife (optional)
- chopping board (optional)
- cocktail sticks
- plates/boards
- pens and paper

### Instructions

1. It's time to get creative! Explain that the best stories are based around unforgettable characters. Ask the Cubs to think about their favourite character from a book or film. What do they like about them?
2. Explain to the Pack that they'll be inventing their own amazing characters and then creating them with pieces of fruit and vegetables. They could do this individually, in pairs or other small groups. Perhaps they could invent their own superhero or animal character?
3. Ask the Cubs to draw or write about their character. Get them to give it a name, personality and life story. They could even invent a different world that the character lives in.
4. Get the Cubs to wash their hands, and then bring their character to life using fruit, vegetables, skewers and cocktail sticks. You might want to ask them to plan what materials they will use before they start. If they use a knife to cut any of the fruit or vegetables to size, make sure they are supervised and using the knife safely.
5. Finally, Cubs can share their character with their Six, or the rest of the Pack.

### Here are some ideas to share!



Jaffa cubs



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## Take it further

- Cubs could work together in their Sixes or other groups to plan a story which includes all of their characters.
- The fruit and vegetables could then be used to make smoothies or a fruit salad. Just make sure any cocktail sticks or skewers have been carefully removed.
- This activity could be linked into activities about healthy eating, for requirement 2 of the award. Cubs could explore the benefits of eating fruit and vegetables, and what is meant by a balanced diet.

## Top Tips

- Use the Jaffa voucher on our partner page to stock up on citrus fruit for character making!
- Cubs can choose to make scenery (eg trees, flowers) as well as characters
- You could use the oranges left over from 'The Orange Game' (problem solving: Requirement 5) found on our partner page during this activity

## Take it further

- This is a great opportunity to encourage Cubs to think about new and interesting things. For example, you could invite a visitor to a session – such as a sportsman, local charity worker, gardener or a doctor – to speak about their experiences, which Cubs could base their characters and short plays on. The speakers could then be invited back to watch or take part in the performances.

